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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 3748**

> PATENT 1472-0177P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Katsunori KANEKO et al. Conf.:

4015

Appl. No.:

09/188,190

Group:

3748

Filed:

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Examiner: Nguyen, Tu Minh

For:

EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS OF AN

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (AS AMENDED)

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 16, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claim 5 is cancelled.

Claims 6, 18, 23 and 24 are amended.